

AGENDA ITEM 6: Clarksburg Japanese Language School (Holland Union Gakuen) Vision Workshop

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Requested Action: Receive report on Gakuen vision workshop and next steps

Background: The Commission partnered with Preserving California's Japantowns and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to host a May 30 vision workshop exploring the reuse of the historic Japanese school in Clarksburg. The session was facilitated by Jim Nelson and included a bus tour of important Japanese sites in the Clarksburg/Walnut Grove area followed by a luncheon and the workshop, with the goal of creating a plan for the preservation and use of the Holland Union Gakuen building. 60 people participated in the workshop, including agency representatives, members of the community, architects, planners and historic preservation specialists, all of whom were placed in discussion groups to explore various stewardship and use options for this unique building, one of the last of its kind in existence.

Jill Shiraki of Preserving California's Japantowns will present the results of the day's activities and the next steps for the project, which are already in process.